



Loudoun County Animal Shelter

Foster Care Agreement

As a foster parent, you will be providing a service that is not only rewarding to you but critically important to the animal(s) in your care. It is important, however, that you understand and agree to follow the rules and guidelines of fostering set forth below. Your failure to do so could result in your removal from the foster care program.

By signing below, you hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) All animals in foster care are the property of Loudoun County Animal Care & Control, and are subject to all applicable LCACC policies, rules and restrictions.
- 2) Foster care is intended to be a temporary placement of an animal who needs special assistance – all foster animals are expected to be returned to the shelter at the end of their foster period.
- 3) Foster care providers may not advertise or promote (verbally or otherwise) their foster animals to prospective adopters.
- 4) Foster care providers are not permitted to release any foster animal to anyone other than authorized LCACC personnel without express permission from LCACC.
- 5) Foster care providers are obligated to return any foster animal to the shelter within 24 hours of such request, whether written or verbal.
- 6) All dogs/puppies are to be kept indoors at all times, unless under the direct supervision of their foster care provider. When outdoors, all foster dogs and puppies must be kept on a leash or in a secure fenced yard at all times – no exceptions!
- 7) All foster cats and kittens must be kept indoors at all times – no exceptions! When being transported, cats & kittens must be kept in secure carriers.
- 8) Foster care providers are required to ensure that any unaltered foster pets do not have the opportunity to reproduce.
- 9) All foster care providers will be required to keep careful records regarding their foster animal's health and care.
- 10) Foster care providers are expected to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols regarding their foster animal(s), in terms of feeding, socialization, health care, etc.

- 11) LCACC will provide all food, bedding, medications, etc. for foster animals. Should the foster care provider choose to purchase his/her own food, supplies, etc., LCACC will not reimburse him/her for those items.
- 12) Any routine or non-emergency veterinary care must be pre-approved and arranged by LCACC staff. Any routine or non-emergency care that is not pre-approved will not be reimbursed by LCACC.
- 13) Foster care providers are required to seek immediate emergency care for their foster animal(s) when appropriate, and must notify LCACC immediately when emergency care is sought.
- 14) Foster care providers will not be reimbursed for any expenses related to damage caused by foster animal(s), vet expenses for their own animals, etc.
- 15) LCACC makes no claims or representations as to the temperament, mental disposition or health of animals in the foster care program, and cannot be held liable for any injuries or damage to persons or property cause by a foster animal or participation in the foster program.
- 16) LCACC reserves the right to perform random, unannounced home checks in order to ensure that foster animals are being appropriately cared for.
- 17) Foster parents are required to be 100% honest about their foster animal's(s') health and behavior.
- 18) LCACC will make the final decision about the adoptability and ultimate placement of fostered animals; no guarantees can or will be made about the ultimate disposition of any foster animal.
- 19) All bites and scratches from foster animals that break the skin must be reported immediately to LCACC.
- 20) Foster animals must remain in the care of their foster parent until they are returned to the shelter – foster animals may not be boarded or left in the care of anyone other than the foster parent. If the foster parent cannot, for any reason (illness, vacation, etc.), care for a foster animal, that animal must be returned to LCACC, or other arrangements must be made with prior approval of LCACC.
- 21) If a foster care provider refuses to surrender a foster animal for any reason upon request by LCACC, or has transferred the animal to another individual or entity without prior permission from LCACC, that foster care provider will be automatically removed from the foster program, and LCACC may initiate all appropriate legal action in order to secure the return of the animal.
- 22) Foster care providers are subject to removal from the foster care program for any reason and at any time at the discretion of LCACC.

Signature

Date